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that they didn't know anything about it. And I think one of the things we talked about in the committee, rather than starting a new program, maybe we need some way that there is a catch-all with what programs are out there and how do you apply for them and something. I think that's...I think it was the jist of the committee in Urban Affairs. So that's where some of the rationale or some of the talk that we had in the Urban Affairs Committee, and I think it got late and we didn't advance the...the bill. But that's basically, I think, the bill is the same as what we heard in 607. And I think it's a good program. But my concern again goes back to the costs of administering this program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, oh excuse me, Mr. Speaker. You know I'm probably as conservative as anybody in this body. But there are times when, as I indicated earlier, the case of whether it's an investment or a cost. This program has been used clear across Nebraska by all segments of our state. It's found a great deal of sup...it found a tremendous amount of support because of the value the people have been able to obtain from the use of this type of legislation. And I guess that nobody likes to spend money. But the question is, and there are priorities we have to establish, and I understand that. I was, as many of you probably remember, Senator Wesely was the one that put the sunset on the original LB 144, saying we should come back and discuss it in four years. So that's what we're about right now. I agreed to that simply because I thought it was the thing to do. First of all, I wanted to see how successful the program was, and what value was gained by expenditure of this kind of money from the state of Nebraska. After the first two years, when the A bill was 500,000, it was increased to \$1 million simply because there was such a tremendous outpouring of support for the kind of programs that they were able to establish under this bill. I think that in fact in itself attests to the value of the bill when that many people are willing to step forward and say that the value they gained from that was so tremendous that they wanted to see even more money put into the program. Along came Senator Kiel